**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—He has been asked to submit explanation for not conducting meetings properly.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know, Sir, when the fact of not holding meetings was first brought to the notice of the authorities concerned?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—It was not brought to the notice of the authorities, but no resolutions having come up from this Panchayat for a long time, we asked them to explain the matter.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— How long after the formation of the Panchayat was that explanation called for?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—I am sorry I have not got the complete file here, but it must be some 3 months after.

## Building—Porkolam Panchayat Office—construction of.

**26. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) where the Panchayat office of the Porkolam Group Panchayat is located at present;

(b) whether they are prepared to construct a new building for the Panchayat office in the centre of the villages?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—(a) In a Government building situated in the old Akkikavu Police lines in Akathiyur village.

(b) There is no proposal now.

## Places visited by the Panchayat Assistant Engineer.

**27. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the places visited by the Panchayat Assistant Engineer in Meenam, Medam and Edavam 1111;

(b) the objects of such visits?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**— (a) A list is appended. *(Vide Appendix II).*

(b) Inspection of works in progress, enquiries regarding proposals for works and checkmeasurement of works.

## Nettur-Panangad Bridge—Repairs to.

**28. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether the bridge connecting Nettur and Panangad requires immediate repairs;

(b) when was this brought to the notice of the Government first;

(c) has any step been taken as yet to effect the necessary repairs and also to ward off people from danger till the repairs are effected?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—(a) The bridge is now in a dilapidated condition. It requires reconstruction as the whole structure is weak and defective.

(b) The fact that it was in a state of disrepair was brought to the notice of the Government on 26th Makaram 1109 when it was got repaired at a cost of Rs. 75. It has now been reported that it requires reconstruction.

(c) Till it is reconstructed it is proposed to put up fencing at both ends and to arrange a ferry service for the convenience of the public. Reconstruction of the bridge will cost Rs. 2,500 and will be done when the necessary funds are available.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**— With reference to (b) when was it reported?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—A few months back.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Was the Budget of the Department prepared at the time when the reoprt was made to the departmental head?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**—It was brought to notice before the budget was prepared; but since this work will cost about Rs. 2,500/- we have requested the Public Works Department to take up the work.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**— Has not the dilapidation caused considerable inconvenience to the people of Panangad and Nettur?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon.**— Yes. We have started there a ferry service now.

**29. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the bridge between Nettur and Panagad is in a dangerous condition;

(b) when was this matter reported to the Government; has the bridge been repaired;

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